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Ukraine SO 200821

“Logistics Cluster Support to the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine”

BR No. 05

PROJECT		Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
CD&A	US\$	4,132,510	US\$ 173,762	US\$ 4,306,272
DSC	US\$	957,642	US\$ 20,190	US\$ 977,832
ISC	US\$	356,311	US\$ 13,577	US\$ 369,887
Total WFP cost	US\$	5,446,463	US\$ 207,529	US\$ 5,653,992

TYPE OF REVISION

Additional DSC Additional CD&A Extension in time Change in project orientation Other



NATURE OF REVISION:

1. Pursuant to the Logistics Cluster Exit Strategy as presented under Budget Revision 4, this Budget Revision (BR) 5 requests an extension in time of the Special Operation (SO) 200821 for a period of 3 months starting from 1 January 2018 to 31 March 2018 with an additional budget plan of US \$ 207,529 to scale down the Logistics Cluster activities in Ukraine during 2018.
2. The provision of common logistics services such as transportation and warehousing will not be delivered by the Logistics Cluster as of the beginning of 2018. The Logistics Cluster will set up the procedures to smoothly handover to partner agencies to do their own transport and deliveries with the sufficient support from the cluster as and if needed. Thus in 2018 Logistics Cluster will focus mainly on capacity building and training activities for the partners as well as IM support and coordination activities.
3. The components budgeted in 2018 under CD&A will be: equipment and vehicle related cost (non - staff costs) (10 % of total CD&A); IM and coordination activities, capacity building and training for partners (68 % of total CD&A); staff related cost (22 % of total CD&A).

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

4. The aim of the SO 200821 launched in March 2015 to assist all humanitarian actors with the complex task of moving relief items across the contact line and its main objective in Ukraine is to complete delivery of relief items from the Government Controlled Area (GCA) into the Non-Government Controlled Area (NGCA).
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6. To date, the Logistics Cluster has held 48 meetings in Kiev and Donetsk, representing the UN, INGOs, NGOs and the wider humanitarian community operating in the country. In addition, the Logistics Cluster is currently coordinating with an average of 42 organisations and providing advice on customs procedures, registration processes and other logistics information.
7. The Logistics Cluster has a dedicated web page <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a> for disseminating of operational information on Ukraine to the humanitarian community. So far, the Logistics Cluster Ukraine has published over 95 operational updates and information products, including access constraint maps. In addition, a Skype group was established to encourage dynamic information sharing and to facilitate operations. The Log Cluster Tweeter page (<https://twitter.com/logcluster>) and WFP Ukraine Tweeter page (https://twitter.com/WFP_Ukraine) are posting up to date info on the convoys facilitated on the weekly basis.



ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

8. Since SO 200821 was launched in March 2015, WFP as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster has coordinated transport on a free-to-user basis, between the staging area of Dnipro (former Dnipropetrovsk) across the contact line into Donetsk and Luhansk situated in the Non-Government Controlled area.
 - a. So far, more than 10,263 MT/ 20,241 m3 of relief items have been transported on behalf of the Logistics Cluster partners with 589 trucks in total via 55 convoys.
 - b. WFP warehousing services have been made available for cargo consolidation to humanitarian agencies in Dnipro (Dnipropetrovsk) – close to the contact line in Government Controlled Areas (GCAs) – before transporting cargo to the NGCAs Luhansk and Donetsk.
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JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

12. Due to the protracted nature of the conflict and the decrease in the number of inter-agency convoys facilitated, the Logistics Cluster changed its strategy for 2018 to focus on scaling down the common logistics services it used to provide on a free- to -user basis and hand over to partners the responsibilities on convoy preparation and facilitation. The strategy will mainly concentrate on the capacity building component such as trainings and workshops for partners as well as coordination component meanwhile the partners will learn to take over the processes involved in delivering the humanitarian cargo from GCA to NGCA on their own and be ready for a Logistics Cluster phasing out towards the end of March.



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13. Logistics Cluster will continue supporting the partners with convoy facilitation till the end of January 2018 and thus respond to the emergency need by facilitating cargo from GCA to NGCA.
14. Starting from February 2018, the Logistics Cluster will not be providing convoy facilitation to partners. Instead it will assist with any support that is required to train partners' staff on convoy facilitation so that they can independently manage this activity.
15. The Logistics Cluster will maintain its presence till the end of March 2018 to help solve the ad-hoc issues that the partners might face during facilitation of inter-agency cross-line convoys. .
16. From January to March 2018, the Logistics Cluster will focus on capacity development activities such as trainings and seminars for the partners to ensure transfer of the best practices and required expertise. It will increase the Information management support and products posted on the Global Logistics Cluster web-site <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a> in order to keep the partners aware of the situation at the check points and new regulations and laws in the sphere of humanitarian aid delivery thought the web-sites.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

17. The Logistics Cluster will conduct thematic trainings and workshops for partners to transfer the knowledge on warehousing and convoy preparation and facilitation. Training will be conducted in Kiev and Kramatorsk (NGCA). Trainings will be conducted by the local Logistics Cluster team with the support of UNDSS staff and with the assistance of the experts from the GLCC.
18. Supporting the handover of the coordination function/forum and strategic advisory of inter-agency logistics to a sectoral working group. Whereas the sectoral working group will not be led by the WFP but potentially by a yet to be defined humanitarian actor.
19. A close up retreat for all the partners will be arranged towards the end of March to outline the responsibilities handed over to the inter-agency sectoral working group and get acquainted and liaise partners with the representatives from the respective authoritative bodies involved in convoy preparation.
20. From January 2018 onwards, the Logistics Cluster plans to conduct on-the-field practical trainings and support the partners while they will be facilitating the cross-line convoys on their own. This will enable the partners to continue their operational activities for transportation of humanitarian cargo to NGCA after Logistics Cluster phase out.
21. A number of IM products will be produced (both e-version and hard copies) to provide partners with the best guidelines, instructions manual as well as key contact lists as part of an effective hand-over process.



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RECOMMENDATION:

22. In light of the above, this Special Operation 200821 covering the period from 01st January 2017 to 31 March 2018 at a total cost of US \$ 207,529 as per the attached budget is recommended for approval by Regional Director.